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Sixteenth Street Baptist Church Commemorates Church Bombing

*60 years forging Justice for a Better World
History Happens Here!*

[**August 1, 2023 Birmingham, AL**] Sixteenth Street Baptist Church will commemorate the 60th year anniversary of the church bombing on September 15th at 9:30 a.m. Associate Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, Supreme Court of the United States, is the Memorial Service Speaker.

“There have been many events throughout the year to commemorate the Civil Rights Movement in Birmingham. However, on this particular day, we, as a church, will honor the lives of four little girls who lost their lives here, 60 years ago. Because of this act of terrorism on our soil, the world began to take more careful notice of the racial unrest in the south and we look back at that time with reflection and hope for the future. We are a different Birmingham, a changing Birmingham, and we are looking forward to forging justice for a better world. We are still standing to tell God’s message of love and redemption and we will never forget Cynthia Morris Wesley, Carole Robertson, Denise McNair and Addie Mae Collins,” exclaimed Rev. Arthur Price who serves as the church’s pastor.

The service also culminates the church’s Experience HIStory campaign. The campaign highlights the church’s dual responsibility to tell the story of Jesus and the church’s history, and encourages visitors to tour the church and share their experiences through social media for this 60th year commemoration. The church is encouraging engagement on its Facebook page and live tweeting of the morning events is encouraged using the hashtag **#ExperienceHIStory2023**.

Sixteenth Street, most known for the 1963 bombing of the church that took the lives of four little girls, has hosted events throughout the year, along with the City of Birmingham, to commemorate its place in the movement that impacted racial relations in America, and specifically the south.

Rev. Arthur Price, Jr., will be available for interviews and photos.

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About Sixteenth Street Baptist Church

Sixteenth Street Baptist Church was the chosen venue for the organization of mass meetings and demonstrations during the turbulent 1960s in Birmingham, Alabama. On September 15, 1963 the church was bombed, killing four young girls, Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Cynthia Morris Wesley and Carole Robertson. This act of terrorism shocked the world and galvanized the American Civil Rights Movement. Today Sixteenth Street, a vibrant and thriving ministry, continues to tell its story of redemption, forgiveness and hope to thousands of visitors worldwide. For more information about the church and/or tour schedules, go to www.16thstreetbaptist.org or call (205) 251-9402.